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## ENGROSSED HOUSE BILL No. 1013

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DIGEST OF HB 1013 (Updated February 13, 2006 2:20 pm - DI 96)

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-18; IC 9-29.

**Synopsis:** License plates. Creates an In God We Trust license plate, and specifies that it is not a special group recognition license plate. Provides that bureau of motor vehicles may not change a pull service charge fee for a requested passenger motor vehicle registration plate for a license plate that designates the passenger motor vehicle as being owned by a person who has received a Purple Heart decoration.

**Effective:** July 1, 2006.

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### Burton, Noe, Welch, Duncan

(SENATE SPONSORS — MILLER, CRAYCRAFT, LANDSKE, KRUSE,  
HEINOLD)

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January 4, 2006, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
January 5, 2006, reported — Do Pass.  
January 9, 2006, read second time, ordered engrossed. Engrossed.  
January 17, 2006, read third time, passed. Yeas 94, nays 2.

SENATE ACTION

January 26, 2006, read first time and referred to Committee on Commerce and Transportation.  
February 9, 2006, reported favorably — Do Pass.  
February 13, 2006, read second time, amended, ordered engrossed.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning  
motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1       SECTION 1. IC 9-18-15-1, AS AMENDED BY P.L.214-2005,  
2       SECTION 55, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 1. (a) A person who is the registered owner or  
4       lessee of a:  
5               (1) passenger motor vehicle;  
6               (2) motorcycle;  
7               (3) recreational vehicle; or  
8               (4) vehicle registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of  
9       not more than:  
10              (A) eleven thousand (11,000) pounds;  
11              (B) nine thousand (9,000) pounds; or  
12              (C) seven thousand (7,000) pounds;  
13       registered with the bureau or who makes an application for an original  
14       registration or renewal registration of a vehicle may apply to the bureau  
15       for a personalized license plate to be affixed to the vehicle for which  
16       registration is sought instead of the regular license plate.  
17       (b) A person who:

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(1) is the registered owner or lessee of a vehicle described in subsection (a); and

(2) is eligible to receive a license plate for the vehicle under:

(A) IC 9-18-17 (prisoner of war license plates);

(B) IC 9-18-18 (disabled veteran license plates);

(C) IC 9-18-19 (Purple Heart license plates);

(D) IC 9-18-20 (Indiana National Guard license plates);

(E) IC 9-18-21 (Indiana Guard Reserve license plates);

(F) IC 9-18-22 (license plates for persons with disabilities);

(G) IC 9-18-23 (amateur radio operator license plates);

(H) IC 9-18-24 (civic event license plates);

**(I) IC 9-18-24.5 (In God We Trust license plates);**

~~(J)~~ **(J)** IC 9-18-25 (special group recognition license plates);

~~(K)~~ **(K)** IC 9-18-29 (environmental license plates);

~~(L)~~ **(L)** IC 9-18-30 (kids first trust license plates);

~~(M)~~ **(M)** IC 9-18-31 (education license plates);

~~(N)~~ **(N)** IC 9-18-32.2 (drug free Indiana trust license plates);

~~(O)~~ **(O)** IC 9-18-33 (Indiana FFA trust license plates);

~~(P)~~ **(P)** IC 9-18-34 (Indiana firefighter license plates);

~~(Q)~~ **(Q)** IC 9-18-35 (Indiana food bank trust license plates);

~~(R)~~ **(R)** IC 9-18-36 (Indiana girl scouts trust license plates);

~~(S)~~ **(S)** IC 9-18-37 (Indiana boy scouts trust license plates);

~~(T)~~ **(T)** IC 9-18-38 (Indiana retired armed forces member license plates);

~~(U)~~ **(U)** IC 9-18-39 (Indiana antique car museum trust license plates);

~~(V)~~ **(V)** IC 9-18-40 (D.A.R.E. Indiana trust license plates);

~~(W)~~ **(W)** IC 9-18-41 (Indiana arts trust license plates);

~~(X)~~ **(X)** IC 9-18-42 (Indiana health trust license plates);

~~(Y)~~ **(Y)** IC 9-18-43 (Indiana mental health trust license plates);

~~(Z)~~ **(Z)** IC 9-18-44 (Indiana Native American trust license plates);

~~(AA)~~ **(AA)** IC 9-18-45.8 (Pearl Harbor survivor license plates);

~~(BB)~~ **(BB)** IC 9-18-46.2 ~~(Indiana)~~ (state educational institution trust license plates);

~~(CC)~~ **(CC)** IC 9-18-47 (Lewis and Clark bicentennial license plates);

~~(DD)~~ **(DD)** IC 9-18-48 (Riley Children's Foundation license plates); or

~~(EE)~~ **(EE)** IC 9-18-49 (National Football League franchised professional football team license plates);

may apply to the bureau for a personalized license plate to be affixed

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to the vehicle for which registration is sought instead of the regular special recognition license plate.

SECTION 2. IC 9-18-24.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]:

**Chapter 24.5. In God We Trust License Plates**

**Sec. 1. The bureau shall design an In God We Trust license plate to be issued beginning January 1, 2007.**

**Sec. 2. An In God We Trust license plate must include the following:**

- (1) A basic design for the plate with consecutive numbers or letters, or both, to properly identify the vehicle.
- (2) A background design, an emblem, or colors that designate the license plate as an In God We Trust license plate.
- (3) Any other information the bureau considers necessary.

**Sec. 3. A license plate issued under this chapter may be displayed on the following:**

- (1) A passenger motor vehicle.
- (2) A truck registered as a truck with a declared gross weight of not more than eleven thousand (11,000) pounds.
- (3) A recreational vehicle.

**Sec. 4. A person who is a resident of Indiana and who is eligible to register and display a license plate on a vehicle under this title may apply for and receive an In God We Trust license plate for one (1) or more vehicles after December 31, 2006, after doing the following:**

- (1) Completing an application for an In God We Trust license plate.
- (2) Paying the fee under section 5 of this chapter.

**Sec. 5. The fee for an In God We Trust license plate is the appropriate fee under IC 9-29-5-34.5.**

SECTION 3. IC 9-18-25-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 1. This chapter does not apply to the following:

- (1) Antique motor vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-12).
- (2) Recovery vehicle license plates (IC 9-18-13).
- (3) Personalized license plates (IC 9-18-15).
- (4) Prisoner of war license plates (IC 9-18-17).
- (5) Disabled veteran license plates (IC 9-18-18).
- (6) Purple Heart license plates (IC 9-18-19).
- (7) Indiana National Guard license plates (IC 9-18-20).
- (8) Person with a disability license plates (IC 9-18-22).

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(9) Amateur radio operator license plates (IC 9-18-23).

**(10) In God We Trust license plates (IC 9-18-24.5).**

~~(10)~~ **(11) Pearl Harbor survivor license plates (IC 9-18-45.8).**

SECTION 4. IC 9-29-3-19 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 19. (a) As used in this section, "low numbered motor vehicle registration plate" means any motor vehicle registration plate numbered from one (1) to one hundred (100) before or after the county designation number or letter series designation, or both.

(b) As used in this section, "pull service charge" refers to the charge that the commission may require for a requested low numbered motor vehicle registration plate or a special numbered motor vehicle registration plate.

(c) As used in this section, "special numbered motor vehicle registration plate" means any plate, other than a low numbered motor vehicle registration plate, requested for issuance out of its established numerical sequence.

(d) Subject to subsections (e) and (f) and with the approval of the commission, the bureau may adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:

(1) Increase or decrease any of the service charges listed in sections 1 through 18 of this chapter.

(2) Impose a service charge on any other license branch service that is not listed in sections 1 through 18 of this chapter.

(3) Increase or decrease a service charge imposed under subdivision (2).

(e) The bureau's authority to adopt rules under subsection (d) is subject to the condition that a service charge must be uniform throughout all license branches and at all partial service locations in Indiana.

(f) The bureau may not impose a pull service charge for a requested passenger motor vehicle registration plate containing the numbers set forth in IC 9-18-2-28 for a **motor** vehicle:

(1) issued a license plate under IC 9-18-17 that designates the **motor** vehicle as being owned by a former prisoner of war or by the surviving spouse of a former prisoner of war; **or**

**(2) after December 31, 2006, issued a license plate under IC 9-18-19 that designates the motor vehicle as being owned by a person who has received a Purple Heart decoration.**

(g) The bureau may not impose a pull service charge of more than fifteen dollars (\$15) for a requested motor vehicle registration plate issued under IC 9-18-25 for a special group recognition license plate

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1 that commemorates the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition.  
2 SECTION 5. IC 9-29-5-34.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
3 AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
4 1, 2006]: **Sec. 34.5. A vehicle registered under IC 9-18-24.5 is**  
5 **subject to an annual registration fee and any other fee or tax**  
6 **required of a person registering a vehicle under this title.**

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## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill 1013, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

DUNCAN, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 7, nays 1.

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 SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Senators Landske and Kruse be added as cosponsors of Engrossed House Bill 1013.

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 COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Commerce and Transportation, to which was referred House Bill No. 1013, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is made to House Bill 1013 as printed January 6, 2006.)

LANDSKE, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 1.

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 SENATE MOTION

Madam President: I move that Engrossed House Bill 1013 be amended to read as follows:

Page 4, between lines 3 and 4, begin a new paragraph and insert:

"SECTION 4. IC 9-29-3-19 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2006]: Sec. 19. (a) As used in this section, "low numbered motor vehicle registration plate" means any motor vehicle registration plate numbered from one (1) to one hundred (100) before or after the county designation number or letter series

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- (2) **after December 31, 2006, issued a license plate under IC 9-18-19 that designates the motor vehicle as being owned by a person who has received a Purple Heart decoration.**

(g) The bureau may not impose a pull service charge of more than fifteen dollars (\$15) for a requested motor vehicle registration plate issued under IC 9-18-25 for a special group recognition license plate that commemorates the bicentennial of the Lewis and Clark expedition."

Renumber all SECTIONS consecutively.

(Reference is to EHB 1013 as printed February 10, 2006.)

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